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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I Manuel Sylvia resident of New Bedford at the foot of Coffin Avenue along the Acushnet River am very concerned about putting dikes in because I feel that any control of the water flow will make the Acushnet River one big mud flat, from Wood St. bridge to Coggeshall St. bridge therefore the smell of the mud will be so great that we won't be able to stand it in this neighborhood. I feel that the whole project of capping the PCBs in the upper estuary will be controlled by the dikes only. Without the dikes I do not believe that the capping would last. So I am against diking or capping it in its present ares. I do think that if Riverside Avenue was continued across the cove to Coggeshall Street, it would make a good barrier for anything in the cove. Therefore I do think that if the PCBs were pumped or dredged from the upper estuary to the cove near Coffin Ave. and Riverside playground where the depth from street level to the mud flat of the cove would be somewhere in the area of 12 ft. or better. There would be sufficient room to pump all the settiments into it then proceed with the capping and covering it with fill or stone dust. It would save a few million dollars plus we could live with it.

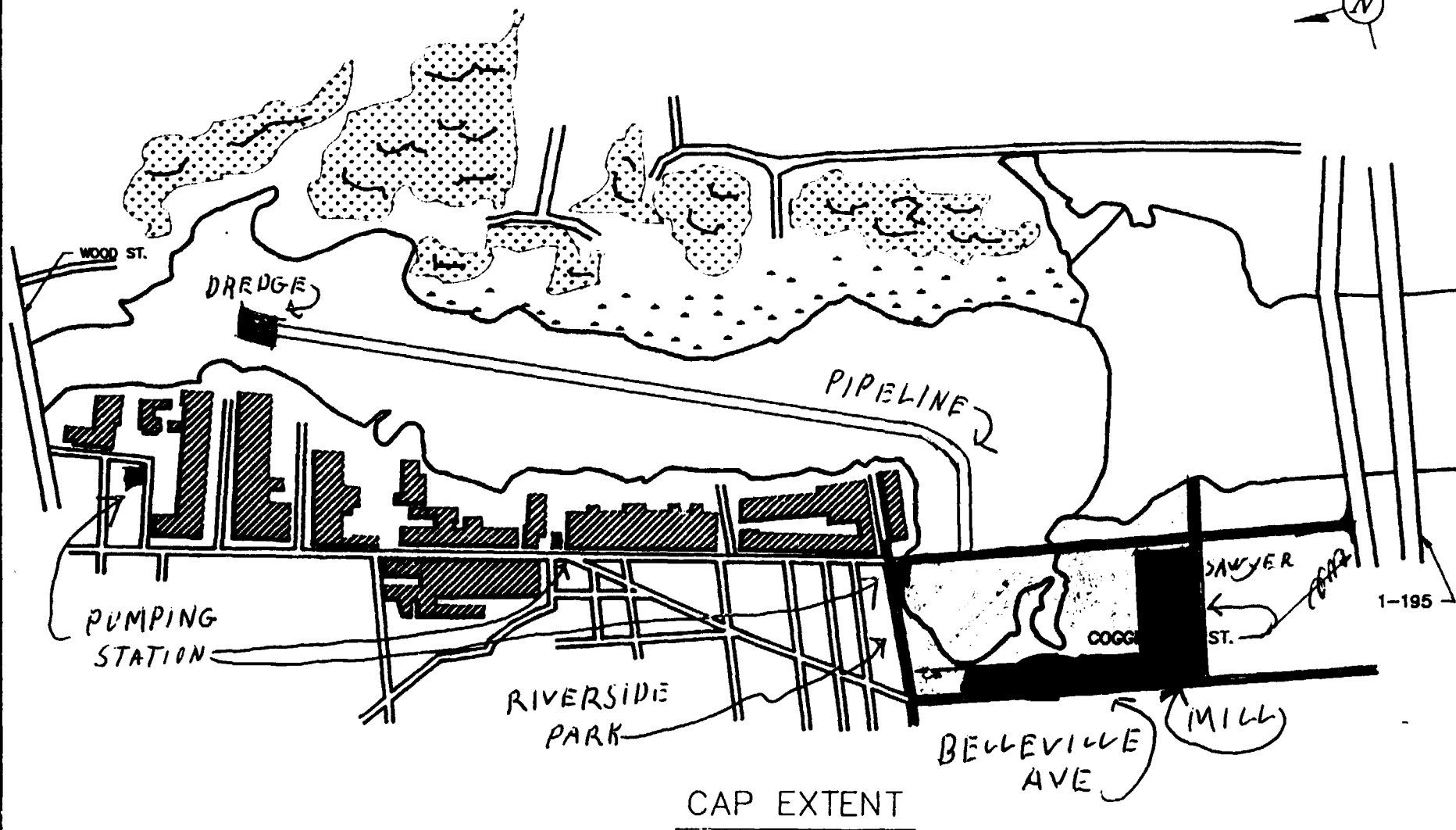
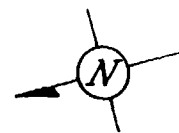
I also understand that if PCBs are burned or heated up they have a tendency to cause Cancer. Us being so close to where you want to burn it we're afraid the particles that come out of the stacks, we will be breathing them. I think they should be buried in the cove.

There is a pumping station at the foot of Coffin Avenue where the pipes go up Coffin Ave. to Belleville Ave. and there is complete flooding along Belleville Ave. because the pipes can't take the pressure. I suggest that the pipes that run from the pumping station be diverted straight across Riverside Ave. and across the barrier of the cove and on down along the waterfront. I also think that the pipeline that floods Wamsutta St. and Acushnet Ave. should be diverted to the pipeline along the waterfront and that would relieve all the flooding in these areas.

These are my comments.

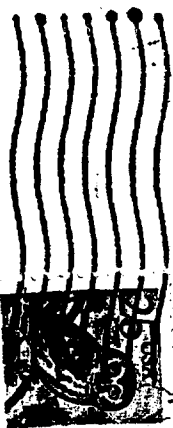
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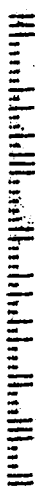


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